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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of American Religious History, 2018-Present
Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK

Courses taught:

- History of Christianity I
- History of Christianity II
- History and Polity of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- History of Religion and Social Justice in the United States
- History of Religions in the United States
- History of Hell
- Jesus in America—A Cultural History
- Introduction to Native American Religious Beliefs and Practices
- Capstones in Theological Leadership

Lecturer in U.S. History, 2017-2018
Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX

Courses Taught:

- United States History: A Survey to 1877
- United States History: A Survey Since 1877
- Multicultural America: A Historical Survey
- Indians of the United States

EDUCATION

PhD in U.S. History, Texas Christian University, 2017

Master of Theology (ThM) in American Religious History, Brite Divinity School, 2012

Master of Divinity, Brite Divinity School, 2008

Ordained Clergy—Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 2008

BA in Oral Communication Education, University of Central Oklahoma, 1985

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Peyote Politics: The Making of the Native American Church, *New Direction in Native American Studies*, 24. Norman, OK: The University of Oklahoma Press, 2025. (spring release)

ESSAYS IN BOOKS

“Oklahoma Women Lead the Way into the KKK in the Interwar Period,” in *American West between the World Wars*, ed. Renée M. Laegreid (out for peer review and forthcoming with the University of Oklahoma Press).

“Varieties of Peyote Religious Experience in the American West: Permutations of Indigeneity and Christianity among Otoe-Missouria Peyotists,” in *Religion in the North American West*, ed. Todd Kerstetter (revisions after peer review and forthcoming with University of Nebraska Press).

“Policing Peyote Country in the Early Twentieth Century,” in *Border Policing: A History of Enforcement and Evasion in North America*, eds., George Diaz and Holly Karibo. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2020.

“Colby D. Hall, Biographical Sketch,” in *History of Texas Christian University*, Colby D. Hall. Fort Worth: TCU Press, 2014.

“Before Brite: Ministerial Education at TCU, 1873-1914,” in *Institutional Change in Theological Education: A History of Brite Divinity School*, eds., Mark G. Toulouse, Jeffrey Williams, and Dyan Dietz, 15-50. Fort Worth: TCU Press, 2011.

“The Suggs Era: Church and Academy, 1977-1989,” in *Institutional Change in Theological Education: A History of Brite Divinity School*, eds., Mark G. Toulouse, Jeffrey Williams, and Dyan Dietz, 140-164. Fort Worth: TCU Press, 2011.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Disturber of the Peace: The Life and Work of Elizabeth B. Grannis,” *Stone-Campbell Journal* 16, no. 1 (Spring 2013): 17-31.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“The Ordination of Women in the Christian Church,” for the Disciples of Christ Historical Society newsletter and Facebook page, June 27, 2023.

https://m.facebook.com/story.php/?id=100064415000653&story_fbid=652198770270617

“DNA Tests, Indigenous Identity, and ‘Playing Indian,’” *Sightings: Reflections on Religion in Public Life*, The Martin Marty Center for the Public Understanding of Religion, The University of Chicago Divinity School, January 10, 2019, <https://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings>

“Peyote and the Racialized War on Drugs,” Then & Now blog for *The Christian Century*, August 24, 2016, <http://www.christiancentury.org/blogs/archive/2016-08/peyote-and-racialized-war-drugs>.

BOOK REVIEWS

Richard Moves Camp, *My Grandfather’s Altar: Five Generations of Lakota Holy Men*, ed. Simon J. Joseph in *South Dakota History*, 54, no. 3 (Fall 2024): 278-279.

Ned Blackhawk, *The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History* in *South Dakota History* 54, no. 1 (Spring 2024):84-85.

Thomas J. Lappas, *In League Against King Alcohol: Native American Women and the Women’s Christian Temperance Union, 1874–1933* in *New Mexico Historical Review* 97, no. 3 (Summer 2022): 398-399.

David C. Posthumus, *All My Relatives: Exploring Lakota Ontology, Belief, and Ritual* in *South Dakota History* (Spring 2019):252.

Heather R. White, *Reforming Sodom: Protestants and the Rise of Gay Rights* in *The Journal of Presbyterian History* 96, no. 1 (2018): 43–44.

Mark S. Ferrara, *Sacred Bliss: A Spiritual Journey of Cannabis* in *Social History of Alcohol and Drugs* 31 (2017): 155-156.

CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATIONS

“Oklahoma Women Lead the Way into the KKK in the Interwar Period,” Participant at the U.S. West between the World Wars symposium hosted by the University of Wyoming Department of History, Laramie, WY, October 10, 2024.

“History and Theology of the Stone-Campbell Movement,” Panel participant at the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference, Milligan University, Johnson City, TN, April 13, 2024.

“More than Missions and Pioneers: A Roundtable on Loved Religion in the Twentieth Century American West,” Panel participant at the Western History Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, October 26, 2023.

“The Otoe Firstborn Church of Christ: Its Relationship to Peyote and to Various Protestant Forms of Christianity,” Paper presented at the American Society of Church History Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 8, 2022.

- “Fit for Citizenship: Reconstructing Native American Religious Identity in the Contested Space of ‘Christian Citizenship,’” Paper presented at the AHA Conference Panel on Settler Colonialism and Religion, webinar format, January 6, 2021.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWZJENdCVZY>
- “Peyotists ‘Playing White’: The Native American Church Secures Religious Freedom through the Mimetic Modeling of Whiteness,” Paper presented at the American Society of Church History Conference, Chicago, IL, January 6, 2019.
- “Borderlands Identities in the Peyote Trade, 1890-1920,” Paper presented at the Western History Association Conference, San Antonio, TX, October 18, 2018
- “Intersections between Mormonism and the Peyote Religion,” Paper presented at the Mormon History Association Conference, Boise, ID, June 9, 2018
- “The Varieties of Peyote Religious Experience in the American West,” Paper presented at the Western History Association Conference,” San Diego, CA, November 2, 2017.
- “From the ‘Drunken Indian’ to ‘Peyote Fiend’: The Semantic Evolution of Peyote as an Intoxicant,” Paper presented at the Society for U.S. Intellectual History Conference, Dallas, TX, October 27, 2017.
- “Fit for Citizenship: Peyotist Indians in the Contested Space of ‘Christian Citizenship’ and Native American Religious Identity,” Paper presented at American Society for Ethnohistory Conference, Nashville, TN, November 10, 2016.
- “Review of Angela Tarango’s book, *Choosing the Jesus Way: American Indian Pentecostals and the Fight for the Indigenous Principle*,” Paper presented at the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Conference, Irving, TX, March 12, 2016.
- “The ‘Blurred Lines’ of Identity and Geopolitics around the Texas Indian Reservations, 1854-1859,” Paper presented at the Texas State Historical Association Conference, Irving, TX, March 5, 2016.
- “Peyotists ‘Playing White’: Strategies of the Native American Church to Attain Religious Freedom,” Paper presented at the Western History Association Conference, Portland, OR, October 23, 2015.
- “Rhetoric as Resistance: Discursive Contestation and the 1918 Incorporation of the Native American Church of Oklahoma,” Paper presented at the Texas Tech University Graduate Student History Conference, Lubbock, TX, February 9, 2013.

“Piety in the Public Sphere: The Life of Elizabeth B. Grannis,” Paper presented at the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference, Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln, IL, April 13, 2012.

“Religious Activism and the Indian Removal Act of 1830,” Paper presented at the Southwest Regional Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Grapevine, TX, March 2011.

INVITED TALKS/PUBLIC HISTORY PRESENTATIONS

“Understanding Settler Colonialism,” invited talk for the YWCA Celebration Luncheon at the B. Harley Bradley House, Bourbonnais, IL, October 11, 2024.

“History of the Osage People,” invited talk for the East Prairie Clergy Cluster meeting before the screening of *Killers of the Flower Moon* at Paramount Theater, Bourbonnais, IL, November 12, 2024.

“Resisting Christian Nationalism,” workshop presentation at Empower and Equip event sponsored by the Oklahoma Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) held at New Covenant Christian Church, Oklahoma City, OK, October 14, 2023.

“Using the Flag and the Cross: Strategies of the Ku Klux Klan,” presentation at the Threat of White Christian Nationalism event at Edmond Trinity Christian Church, Edmond, OK, July 21-22, 2023.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4ZgztqDw-A>

“Indigenous Religious Spheres: Incursions, Resistance, and Integration,” Keynote lecture for Winter Talk sponsored by the Center for Indigenous Ministries (DOC) held at Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK, February 13-14, 2023.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKVbG2lTrAQ&list=PLOVQQZSPiB6kfNOYyHABM8YpxXFU2zbYv&index=6> (Part 1)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OyhsjOwn-RQ&list=PLOVQQZSPiB6kfNOYyHABM8YpxXFU2zbYv&index=7> (Part 2)

“Settler Colonialism, the Impact on Native Peoples, and Working to Restore Right Relations,” invited speaker for virtual 2022 VOICES Series at First Christian Church, Minneapolis, MN as part of the ACTION Project, synchronous Zoom, November 28, 2022.

“Disciples and the 'F' Word: How our Focus on The Significance of the Frontier Causes Us to Lose Sight of our Legacy of Conquest,” presentation for the Disciples of Christ Historical Society’s Kirkpatrick Conference held at Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK, March 18, 2022.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GeIDnx5F-1A&t=2654s>

“Committing Faith in Public,” interview for podcast sponsored by the Center for Religion in Public Life, July 15, 2021.

<https://ptstulsa.edu/rpli/committing-faith-in-public-with-the-rev-dr-lisa-barnett/>

“The Landscape of Settler Religious Colonialism in U.S. America,” invited speaker for the Fourteenth W. A. Welsh Seminar hosted by the Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity at Brite Divinity School, synchronous Zoom format, April 10, 2021.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2tZzgGl_0Q&list=PLgTdAa7iQ7XJFAAxVok6RMvVKI1ngSD47

“What is American Civil Religion and Why was it on Display at President Biden’s Inauguration?” Invited guest panelist for webinar hosted by The National Museum of American Religion, March 2, 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZNxgPH7FL0>

“Peyote and the Native American Church in Oklahoma,” invited plenary speaker for the Religious State of the 918 Symposium hosted by Tulsa Community College Honors Program with funding from the Oklahoma Humanities, webinar format, February 26, 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7ABXWSaO08&t=3s>

“Confronting Whiteness in Our Churches,” invited panelist for webinar, Ministers Week 2021 hosted by Brite Divinity School, February 10, 2021.

“Doing and Denying Justice: A History of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Social Justice,” Workshop presentation for the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, Iowa Events Center, Des Moines, IA, July 19-20, 2019.

“Disciples Women to Know.”

- Challengers Sunday School class, Harvard Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Tulsa, OK, May 12, 2019.
- Southern Hills Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Edmond, OK, March 31, 2019.

“If ‘Christian Unity is Our Polar Star,’ Then How Did We Get Lost?” Workshop presentation for Leadership Training School, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma, First Christian Church, Edmond, OK, February 23, 2019.

“Peyote and the Politics of Identity: Race and Religion in the Formation of the Native American Church.”

- Native American Heritage Month at Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX, synchronous Zoom format, November 12, 2020.
- Tarrant County College, Southeast campus, Fort Worth, TX, November 19, 2015.

“Disturber of the Peace: The Life and Work of Elizabeth B. Grannis.”

- Central Area Clergy meeting, Oklahoma Christian Church, Oklahoma City, OK, December 13, 2018
- Lakewood Christian Church, Waco, TX, February 29, 2016.
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, Fort Worth, TX, February 16, 23, 2014.
- North Texas Area Disciples Women meeting, Dallas, TX, January 19, 2013.
- Oklahoma Disciples Women Regional Assembly, Ponca City, OK, June 23, 2012.

“Texas Disciples History.”

- South Hills Christian Church, Fort Worth, TX, June 1, 2014.
- Peoples Bible Class, University Christian Church, Fort Worth, TX, March 16 and 23, 2014.
- Logos Class, University Christian Church, Fort Worth, TX, May 12, June 2, July 7, August 4, 2014.
- First Christian Church, Gainesville, TX, June 2012.

“History of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).”

- Challengers Sunday School class, Harvard Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Tulsa, OK, April 28, 2019.
- First Christian Church, Gainesville, TX, July 2010.

“History of TCU and Brite Divinity School.”

- South Hills Christian Church, Fort Worth, TX, June 8, 2014.

“Native American Church and American Indian Identity.”

- Fort Worth Corral of the Westerners International meeting, March 10, 2015.
- St. Stephens Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, TX, July 27, August 3, 2014.
- First Congregational United Church of Christ, Fort Worth, TX, November 24, December 1, 15, 2013.

“American Indian Religious Freedom”

- South Hills Christian Church, Fort Worth, TX, June 14, 2015.

ACADEMIC HONORS

Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation, Texas Christian University, April 2018

Graduate Student Teaching Award, TCU History Department, 2016

Outstanding Ph.D. Student paper, Texas Tech University Graduate Student History Conference,
February 2013

Stone-Campbell Journal Promising Scholar Award, April 2012

Phi Alpha Theta Graduate Student Research Award, Texas Christian University, History
Department, April 2012

Isaac Errett Restoration History Award, Stone-Campbell Journal and Disciples of Christ Historical
Society, April 2012

Elizabeth B. Grannis Award for Outstanding Contributions by Women to Church and Society, Park
Avenue Christian Church (NYC), March 2012

Colby D. Hall Dean's Award, Brite Divinity School, April 2008

Student Pastoral Ministry Award, Brite Divinity School, April 2008

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Benjamin Schmidt Dissertation Fellowship, Department of History, Texas Christian University,
2016-2017

Ida Green Fellowship, Department of History, Texas Christian University, 2012-2013

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Trustee for the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, March 2022–present.

Co-Chair of the Isaac Errett History Award paper competition sponsored by the Disciples of Christ
Historical Society, 2021–present.

Instructor for TCU extended education program, "Religion in Texas" course, February-March, 2018.

Judge for the TCU AddRan College of Liberal Arts Festival of Undergraduate Scholarship and Creativity, April 16, 2014; April 15, 2015

Graduate student research assistant for Dr. Russell Dalton, Brite Divinity School, 2010-2012, for his book *Children's Bibles in America: A Reception History of the Story of Noah's Ark in U.S. Children's Bibles* (New York: Bloomsbury Press, 2015)

Graduate student research assistant for Dr. Jeffrey Williams, Brite Divinity School, 2008, for his book, *Taking the Kingdom by Force: Religion and Violence in Early American Methodism* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2010)

Texas Forensic Association state president, 2009-2010

COMMUNITY SERVICE/CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Co-chair for the Center for Indigenous Ministries (Disciples of Christ) 2019–present.

Judge at Tulsa area competitive policy debates sponsored by Tulsa Debate League

Teacher for the Epiphany adult Sunday school class at South Hills Christian Church, Fort Worth, TX, 2007-2018

Pulpit supply preacher

Volunteer for Room in the Inn ministry hosted by South Hills Christian Church and First Congregational United Church of Christ, Fort Worth, TX, 2011-2018

Volunteer for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Southwest Region's committee on the ministry to do practice interviews and preparation with ordination candidates, 2012-2018

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Church History

Coalition for Western Women's History

Disciples of Christ Historical Society

Oklahoma Historical Society
Stone-Campbell Journal Scholars Community
Western History Association